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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED JUNE 28, 2007**

Sir:

Applicants note a typographical error in the April 4, 2007 Restriction Requirement, and in Applicants' April 14, 2007 Response to Restriction Requirement. It is believed that the Restriction Requirement intended to require restriction to one of the following inventions, namely:

- I. Claims 1-60 and 68-74, drawn to a needle assembly, and
- II. Claims 61-67, drawn to a method of assembling a needle assembly.

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The apparatus claims are 1-60 and 68-74, not claims 1-50 and 68-74. On that basis, Applicants' April 14, 2007 Response to the Restriction Requirement should have listed the Election I as corresponding to claims 1-60 and 68-74.<sup>1</sup>

In response to the present Requirement for Election of Species dated June 28, 2007, in which the Examiner requires Election of one of the following species:

Species	Figures
1	14-17
2	18-21
3	22-25

and having a shortened one month period for response to July 28, 2007, Applicants elect the claims of Species 1, FIGS. 14-17. The claims readable on Species 1 are claims 1-20, 27, 47-50, 52-53 and 58-60.

This Response is being filed with a One-month Extension of Time.

Early and favorable consideration of the elected Species are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' representative Craig A. Slavin at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment involving these papers to our Deposit Account No. 50-0641. Should such fees be associated with an

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<sup>1</sup> If the Examiner disagrees with Applicants' characterization of the apparatus and method claims and the intended Requirement for Restriction, Applicants' respectfully request an indication to that effect and the reasons therefore.

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extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefore.

Respectfully submitted,

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